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OUTWITTED THE BANDITS.

McCoy Shepard's Adventure in a Mountain
Pass Back of Acapulco.

"If you are going to travel alone in this country, you must carry two revolvers, but one of them may be worthless. In fact, it may be better to have one of them of somewhat old fashioned make," said Mr. J. V. Hawkins of Pueblo, Mexico. "Mexico has improved marvelously in the past 10 years, but bandits are still too numerous, and I can tell you how to protect yourself by relating the experience of a friend of mine. His name was McCoy Shepard, and he was on his way alone from Acapulco to the capital. It is an easily followed trail. He had been over it once, and he spoke the language very well. He had little thought of danger, although holdups are common enough on that route, but he went prepared for business. He put in the holster of his saddle a 44 caliber revolver loaded with cartridges that barely had enough powder in them to blow the bullets out of the muzzle, and then in the small of his back he hung the handiest 88 caliber he could find when in Frisco. He was making a trap, and it worked.

"It happened that as he was coming down out of the main range three road agents stepped from the rocks beside the road and had him cornered before he could whistle. They were armed with shotguns as well as machetes, but for some reason did not shoot before they spoke, as not infrequently happens. They invited Mac to get down, and he did perform. Then one of them took the big revolver from the holster.

"Good. It is big," said he. "Yes," said Mac, "but it is a worthless thing after all. I never want to kill any one. I only carry it because I must make people think I am armed." "The bandits laughed at that. It was incredible that such a pistol should be worthless, and they said so.

"But, gentlemen, I will put my hat in the road, and you may shoot at it with the pistol. The bullet will not go through the hat."

"At that he took off his hat, a gorgeous Mexican affair that cost \$30 in Acapulco, and put it on a rock not 10 feet away, and stepped back toward, but about five feet at one side of, the bandits. They were interested at once. The idea was novel to them. The man with the pistol aimed deliberately and fired at the hat. Then the three ran to look at the effect of the shot. Mac's turn to shoot had come. Whipping out the unnoticed revolver, he shot two of them down before they could turn on him. The third did no more than turn round before he caught his dose as well.

"Leaving everything as it lay—bodies, guns, hat and all—Mac sat down in the shade of a rock and waited for some one to come along. He did not even reload his revolver. He had to make out a good case before the government officials, and he knew just how to do it.

"After an hour or so a native planter with his servant came riding along.

"Have the goodness to inform the alcalde that an American gentleman has had trouble here with bandits," said he to the native, and the native did as requested of course. Three or four hours later came the alcalde of the next place with half a dozen soldiers. Mac told his story briefly, and the alcalde noted each point of it with the corroborating evidence on the ground.

"You have done well," he said. "I know the rascals well. You have saved cartridges for my soldiers by killing them."

"Then he stopped. He could not understand how the big revolver had failed to shoot through the hat. He thought there was some kind of necromancy about it. So Mac cut a bullet from a cartridge and showed that the usual powder space was for the most part filled with a cork. The alcalde turned the cork over in his hand and then said:

"Those were Yankees! But they do by subtlety what we would do by valor!"

"Then Mac gathered up his hat and revolver, mounted his mule and rode on with the alcalde, leaving the soldiers to look after the dead bandits. Take my word for it, and carry a good gun out of sight when traveling in Mexico, and another where all can see it."—New York Sun.

Playing Cards.
The Chinese, who, according to their histories, invented everything before anybody else, claim the merit of having first designed playing cards and developed the games arising out of them. The Emperor Sou-Ho had many wives, who naturally found time hanging heavily on their hands, so the emperor devised amusement for them by inventing cards—that is, if we are to put any belief in the words of the Chinese historians. There were 30 cards in each of his packs—three suits of nine each and three extra or superior cards. The Chinese cards were oblong as ours are, while those of the Hindoos were round.

Surprising though it may seem, it is nevertheless true that the queen in our suits is a comparatively modern innovation. The picture cards were at first entirely military—king, knight and knave. The Italians were the first, it is said, to give the lady a place in the pack.

—New York Herald.

But One Snuff Taking Senator.
Many years ago, when the now venerable Captain Bassett of the senate was a youth, he was directed to place a snuffbox in each of the small recesses of the rear wall of the chamber to the right and left of the vice president and to keep them filled for the Clays, Websters and other senators of the old school who were habitual snuff takers. The snuffboxes remain as a reminder of the times and habits of senators who made history. But they are seldom filled, as Mr. George of Mississippi is the only senator who uses snuff.—Detroit Free Press.

Taking a Broad View.
"No, Johnny, I can't buy any candy for you. It's bad for the teeth."

(After some moments of profound thought.) "Mamma, what would the dentist do for a livin if every family was run like ours is?"—Chicago Tribune.

THE LATE FRANCIS PARKMAN.

He adorned the literature of his native land.—Hartford Times.

The death of Francis Parkman puts a period to the work of one of the foremost historians of the age.—Albany Journal.

He occupied a place at once elevated and unique in American literature, and he leaves no successor.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

It is the best tribute to Mr. Parkman's work to say that no one can go behind him. He thoroughly explored the field which he pre-empted. He was in himself a pioneer and path blazer.—Indianapolis News.

A marked characteristic of Mr. Parkman was his love of nature. Like another celebrated American historian, George Bancroft, he had a passion for roses, which he acquired while a child.—Rochester Union Advertiser.

Francis Parkman, who has just died, is a world-wide authority in the historical fields which he worked. He did not attempt to cover as much ground as most historians, but what he did he did thoroughly.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

He has laid the reading world, and especially the Canadian reading world, under a deep debt of lasting gratitude, and the people of the Dominion willingly join with their neighbors across the line in laying the well earned laurels upon his grave.—Toronto Mail.

Mr. Parkman was a historian by purpose and training, and the rewards of his work, whatever they may have been in the material sense, were, in respect to personal fame and the appreciation of his contemporaries, most ample and satisfactory.—New York Times.

Francis Parkman was, after Bancroft, the greatest of American historians. The value of his work is imperishable. It belongs to the best historical literature of the country and of the century. He lived a good life and his name will be as immortal as American literature.—Baltimore American.

His fame will continue to enlarge with time, and to this "pale scholar" of the east the western reader, especially of the country of the Missouri and the region beyond, will turn for the most vivid and graphic pictures in the days when the west first heard the stir of the coming empire.—Kansas City Star.

And it is not merely as an example of style, and a thorough, devoted and shining light of the modern historical school that Parkman will live, his name will as surely be remembered because, though nearly blind and tortured by unceasing pain, he yet added monuments to American literature.—Philadelphia Times.

THE MATHEMATICIAN.

When sausage is worth 20 cents a pound, how much are dogskin gloves worth per pair?

If it cost one unmarried man all he makes to live, how much will it cost to marry and raise a family?

If a cow gives two gallons of milk a day worth 8 cents a quart, how deep is the cistern in the cow lot?

If a landlady charges \$8 a week for board, or \$30 a month, and the boarder skips one day before the month is up, how much does she lose?

How long can one young man on \$100 a month, with expenditures of \$150, keep it up before he begins to use the cash in the money drawer?

If it take one woman one minute to communicate a bit of gossip across the back fence to another woman in strict secrecy, how long will it take for the other woman to scatter it all over town?

If two candidates in a county having a voting population of 8,505 receive 5,000 and 3,500 votes respectively, how long will it require to purify politics, the county having an area of 325 square miles?—Detroit Free Press.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

When milk is used in tumblers, wash them first in cold water; afterward rinse in hot water.

A neat laundry bag can be made of white Java canvas worked in block pattern with red embroidery cotton.

A correspondent of the London Lancet points out that when sugar is partly burned in a gas flame it is destructive to nice.

Malachite, agate and azurine, when broken, may be cemented with sulphur, melted at low heat, so as not to change its color, in which different pigments are stirred to give it proper tints like the stones.

If through any blunder in cleaning a fowl, the gall or other entrails are burst, the taint which affects the meat may be easily removed by soaking for half an hour in cold water in which a little soda has been dissolved.

When it is desired to use carbolic acid as a disinfectant, it should be mixed with boiling water. This promptly overcomes the usual antagonism between the acid and the water and converts them into a permanent solution which will keep for weeks.

THE NATURALIST.
The fashionable cat at the national show in London this year is blue and long haired.

Blinding daylight is the only thing that prevents owls from covering long distances as trained pigeons now do.

In parts of France a species of rabbit is utilized for the wool, which is said to be softer and finer than that of sheep. It is obtained at intervals by combing the animals.

A hawk was shot by Albert Newlin of Laurenceburg, Ind., the other day. When he went to pick the body up, the bird's mate attacked him with beak and wing, and finally bore off the body of its dead mate in triumph.

The only animal which, whether wild or tame, is invariably the friend of man, is the South American puma. Dogs and cats are mortal enemies of human beings whenever they are allowed to lapse into their natural wild state.

THE ELECTRICIAN.
The first patent on the Bell receiver expires in 1894, and then it will be possible to construct private available telephone lines.

The initial installation of the Niagara electric power arrangements provides for 15,000 horse power. More can be obtained almost beyond limit.

Mr. Bidwell of Toledo claims to be the first and original discoverer of the trolley pole and stand in the transmission of electricity for car propulsion from the single overhead wire.

It has been computed that in a single cubic foot of the ether that fills all space there are locked up 10,000 tons of energy which has hitherto escaped notice. To unlock this boundless store and subdue it to the service of man is a task for the electrician of the future.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The announcement of the proposed liquidation of the Holland Trust Company; the reduction in the capital stock of Southern national banks and the embarrassment of a London firm, dealing in American securities, led to a weak opening for stocks. General Electric, Sugar, Chicago Gas and the Grangers were especially weak. The loss of \$13,000 reported by the Rock Island for December helped to depress the Grangers. The principle declines in the early trading follow: Electric fell 3/4% (30%); Sugar, 1% (75%); Chicago Gas, 1/2% (58%); St. Paul, 1 to 5/4%; Distillers, 1 to 2 1/4%; and Western Union, 1/2 to 3/4%.

At the decline the bear leader was a liberal buyer and as the prominent issues commanded good sized premiums, the smaller bears soon fell in line. The recommendation of the ways and means committee to tax corporations 2 per cent. on their net earnings was ignored so far as to-day's market was concerned.

In the afternoon prices moved up widely, and an advance of 1/4 to 3/4 was recorded. Sugar rose 3/4, do preferred 1/4, Louisville and Nashville 2, New England 2 1/4, Chicago Gas 1 1/4, Canada Southern 1 1/4, Delaware and Hudson 2 1/4, Burlington and Quincy 1 1/4, St. Paul 1 1/4, Rock Island 1 1/4, General Electric 1 1/4, Lake Shore 1 1/4, Missouri Pacific 1 1/4, Lead 1 1/4, New York Central 1 1/4, Omaha 1, Union Pacific 1 and Western Union 2 1/4. In the specialties, Chicago and Eastern Illinois preferred fell 1/4 and Rubber 2 1/4, while Manhattan rose 1/4 and Great Northern preferred 3/4. The market left off strong with gains ranging from 1/4 to 3/4 per cent., the latter in Sugar. The total sales were 223,000 shares. Railway and miscellaneous bonds were higher.

Treasury balances: Coin, \$57,735,000; currency, \$29,488,000.

Produce and Merchandise.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Flour more active, trilateral steady. Winter wheat, low grades, 2.00@2.45; patents, 3.40@3.65; Minnesota clear, 2.50@2.90; patents, 3.80@4.30; low extras, 2.05@2.45. Southern flour steady; common to fair extra, 2.00@2.30; good to choice do, 3.10@4.30.

Wheat, spot market dull, firmer; No. 2 red, 67 1/2@67 3/4; options declined 1/4 cent early, rallied 1/4 to 3/4 cent, closed firm at 3/4@3/4 over yesterday, trading dull; No. 2 red closed January, 65 1/2; February, 67 1/2; May, 70 1/2.

Corn, spots dull, steady; No. 2, 41 1/2@42 elevator, 42 1/2@43 afloat; steam mixed, 41 1/2@41 3/4; No. 2 white, 42; options very dull, closing steady; January, 41 1/2; February, 42 1/2; May, 44 1/2.

Oats, spots quiet, firmer; options moderately active, firmer; January, 34; February, 34 1/2; May, 35; No. 2 white, 34; January, 35; spot, No. 2, 34; white, 35; mixed Western, 34 1/2@35 1/4; No. 2, 34 1/2@35 1/4. Hay quiet, weak; shipping, 55@60; good to choice, 75@90. Wool, dull, unsettled; domestic fleece, 20@25, pulled, 16@25.

Molasses, foreign nominal quiet, steady. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked, 3 1/2@4. Coffee options steady, unchanged to 20 points up; January, 17.10@17.15; March, 16.40@16.55; May, 16.15@16.20; September, 15.35@15.40; spot Rio dull; No. 7, 18 1/2. Sugar, raw dull; fair refining, 2 1/4; refined quiet, steady; No. 6, 3 7/8@3 9/8; standard A, 3 13/16@4; cut loaf, 49-10@49; crushed, 49-10@49; granulated, 3 13/16@4 1/8. Freight to Liverpool quiet, firm; cotton by steam, 5 3/4; grain by steam, 3d.

ANOTHER lot of those beautiful pictures in nice frames at 25c. each, has just been received by the E. H. STEWART FURNITURE COMPANY.

TRUSTEES' SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST, dated September 27th, 1883, and recorded in the clerk's office of the city of Roanoke, Va., in deed book 89, page 30, whereby the Mechanics' Club, a corporation, conveyed the property hereinafter described to the undersigned trustee, in trust, to secure the payment of the sum of \$174.12, evidenced by a certain negotiable note for \$174.12, dated September 12, 1883, and payable in three months after date, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, (this note is subject to a credit of \$20.00, which leaves a balance due of \$154.12), default having been made in the payment of the said note of \$174.12 (less the credit), and being required so to do by the beneficiaries, I, WM. LUNSFORD, do hereby sell, at public auction, on the 23rd day of JANUARY, AT 12 O'CLOCK, A. M., on the premises, Carr's Bottling Works, on First avenue, n. w., in the city of Roanoke, Va., the following described property located in the house known as Carr's Bottling Works aforesaid:

Two hundred and eight and three-quarter yards of matting, 2 yard of cloth, 10 window shades, 1 dozen light chairs, 1 dozen oak chairs, 3 round tables, 2 bed springs, 2 mattresses, 2 beds, 2 square tables, 1 grain sugar, 4 Sanyu rug, 10 bolts, 9 1/2 yards of pairs pillows, 1 pair bolsters, 9 1/2 yards of stair carpet, 1 sideboard, 1 dozen chairs and 2 large tables.

TERMS: Cash; from the cash is to be first deducted the cost of the property, and the balance of 5 per cent. commission.

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and Loan Association, of Syracuse, New York, and according to their articles of association, under which said loan or advance was made, and to secure which the said bond and deed of mortgage were executed, it is provided for the repayment of the sum of \$21,000, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, until the whole sum, with interest, premium and all other charges, may be paid by the said association, or by the said articles of association and of the terms of the said deed of mortgage, are paid and satisfied with. And whereas the said George M. Sawyer, trustee, of said loan association, and the Judge of the Hastings court for the city of Roanoke, did, on the 15th day of November, 1883, appoint the undersigned, C. H. Vines, as trustee in said deed in the place and stead of George M. Sawyer, trustee, after legal notice to all the parties in interest. And whereas default has been made in the payments and conditions mentioned in said bond and deed of mortgage, for more than six months, and having been required so to do by the beneficiary, the Atlantic Savings and Loan Association, of Syracuse, New York: I, terms hereof, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1894, at 12 o'clock, M., in front of the court house in the city of Roanoke, Va., at the certain lot or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon, situated in the city of Roanoke, State of Virginia, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the east side of Roanoke street (200 feet) and 100 feet north of Walnut street, thence with said Roanoke street north (70 degrees fifteen (15) minutes east 25 degrees fifteen (15) minutes east one hundred and seventy (170) feet to an alley, thence with said alley south seven (7) degrees fifteen (15) minutes east thirty (30) feet to a point, thence north west one hundred and